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1. On 21 March 1951, seven railroad cars of sheet metal arrived at the Elbwerft in Boizenburg from Markkthtte in Untervallenborn. All the steel plates, 10 and 12 mm thick, were porous and torn and so unusable that they had to be returned. On the same day two railroad cars of usable sheet metal arrived from Frankfurt/Oder.*
2. During the night of 30-31 March at the Elbwerft the outer welded plates on a refrigeration lugger were broken and the plates separated. Investigation of the action has thus far failed to uncover the persons responsible.
3. During March 1951, 122 railroad cars of steel plates were shipped from the Boizenburg sheet metal factory to Soviet ships in Rostock harbor. Also in March 1951, 43 railroad cars of steel plates were sent to Frankfurt/Oder, where they were rerouted to Hungary.

* Comment: Reports on the poor quality of German manufactured goods have often been received in the past, but without details.

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